Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 23 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 22 Dec 2023 at 15:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather up to Christmas. Lower confidence for a window of drier, brighter, less windy weather on Boxing Day.

Headline for Saturday 23 Dec 2023: Cloudy. Persistent rain, heaviest in west. Windy and feeling bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
70%	50%	60%	60%	50%	50%	70%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Weather: Cloudy with rain, heavy at times overnight and during Saturday. The heaviest rain will be over Glencoe and Lochaber. Rain becoming lighter, patchy over Trossachs later in afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance in morning then 30% mainly east of area.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally misty conditions with poor visibility in rain and cloud. Also extensive clouds well down the hills. Good visibility developing in east of area in afternoon with clouds lifting above some of the tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	48/56 SW	51/63 W	49/62 W	50/63 W	53/67 W	51/65 SW	46/60 SW	41/53 SW	39/53 SW
900	26/33 W	36/48 W	34/46 W	34/47 W	35/48 W	34/48 W	32/45 SW	30/42 SW	31/44 W
600	23/29 SW	37/48 W	35/45 W	35/47 W	38/50 SW	37/50 SW	34/47 SW	31/43 SW	30/42 SW
300	11/17 SW	19/30 W	19/31 W	19/31 W	21/34 W	20/32 SW	19/32 SW	18/30 SW	17/29 SW
Glen	5/15 W	15/32 W	14/32 W	15/33 W	18/37 W	16/35 SW	15/32 SW	14/30 SW	14/29 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-8	2/-7	2/-7	3/-6	3/-5	4/-5	4/-4	4/-3	4/-3
900	2/-5	4/-3	4/-3	5/-2	5/-1	6/-1	6/-0	6/0	6/0
600	4/-2	6/-1	6/0	7/1	7/2	8/2	8/2	8/3	8/3
300	5/2	8/4	8/4	9/5	9/5	9/6	9/6	10/6	10/7
Glen	7/6	10/6	10/7	11/8	11/8	11/8	11/8	11/9	11/9
Freezing Level*	1500m	1600m	1700m	1900m	2000m	2000m	2100m	2400m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold. Even with less cold air, it will still be wet with strong winds. Also difficult underfoot conditions.

Forecast for Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Weather: A drier and brighter day with scattered rain showers, most frequent over west Argyll and Lochaber. It will become very windy with difficult walking conditions once again.

Maximum wind: Westerly gales with severe gales on the tops, average speeds 40 to 50mph with gusts 60 to 70mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best over Trossachs.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility between showers with occasional cloud cover 700 to 900m. Reductions to poor visibility as showers pass by, clouds more extensive down to 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius falling to plus 3 Celsius by evening.
Freezing level: Above tops for much of the day, lowering to 1100m after dark,

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